

PREVENTION

IDAHO CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND NEWSLETTER

Idaho Children's Trust Fund Activates Regional Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Activities

April is nationally recognized as Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month and activities will happen in Idaho to raise awareness of the need for child abuse prevention. The Idaho Children's Trust Fund (ICTF) has increased the capacity for these activities to occur through awards of \$2,500 to each Health & Welfare region. These awards are being used to actively engage each region's communities in learning about preventing child abuse. Organizations and individuals from each region came together and developed a plan that would best inform their communities about the need for child abuse prevention.

Region I will be hosting special events to educate the public, including media coverage on how to prevent child abuse, and distributing materials throughout the region on positive parenting practices and community resources.

Region II will be offering the Teen Parent Conference 2006, "*Baby Love*". This conference will give young parents access to a cooperative community effort to strengthen and to enhance their abilities as healthy parents and individuals.

Region III will be purchasing televisions and DVD players to be placed in the Idaho Department of Health & Welfare offices in Caldwell, Nampa, Payette and Emmett. These units will run child abuse prevention messages and educational parenting information throughout the days. A presentation ceremony will take place in each location.

Region IV will be holding educational events and talks in Horseshoe Bend, Mountain Home, McCall and Boise. Child abuse prevention information and materials will be distributed throughout the month. At the end of the month, a celebration will be held of children and families with highlighting of family serving organizations.

Region V will host activities throughout the month with the theme of "*Take a Time Out! Don't take it out on your Child. STOP Child Abuse and Neglect*". This message will be supported by materials, such as billboards, a radio roadblock media campaign, bookmarks, banners, blue ribbons with information cards and T-shirts for newborn babies.

Region VI will focus on Encouraging Adult Responsibility to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse. *Stewards of Children Trainings* will be offered free of charge in the region and child care will be provided. This training is a practical, usable presentation that educates all of us in ways we can each help prevent child sexual abuse.

Region VII will host a month long campaign called "*Normal*." The theme of the campaign is that it is normal to take a parenting class and to need help to be a better parent. We all took classes to learn our work trades; now it is time to take classes to learn how to be a better parent. Our children and families will all benefit.

ICTF is pleased to be supporting these activities. If you would like more information about events in your region please contact Margaret Hower at 208-386-9317 or howerm@idhw.state.id.us.

Protecting Idaho children from abuse and neglect.

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7th Annual Conference April 6 & 7

There's Still Time to Register!

The 7th Annual Idaho Children's Trust Fund Conference will be held April 6 & 7 at the Doubletree Riverside Hotel in Boise. The conference is titled *Strengthening Families to Prevent Child Abuse and Neglect*. The conference is designed to increase awareness of the devastating consequences of child abuse, offer knowledge, resources, and tools for the prevention of child abuse, encourage and strengthen partnerships that help to prevent child abuse, and provide information that will help to strengthen and support families.

Stephen Bavolek, Ph.D., creator of the popular Nurturing Parenting Programs® will kick off this year's event with a keynote address on Thursday morning. Dr. Bavolek's presentation is titled *"Nurturing Parenting: A Proven Approach to Preventing the Maltreatment of Children."*

During Thursday's luncheon, Idaho Attorney General Lawrence Wasden will speak about keeping kids safe on the Internet using a new tool named *"ProtectTeens Internet Safety Program."* (For more information on the ProtectTeens tool, see the *ProtectTeens Internet Safety Program* story on page ? of this newsletter.)

Friday's keynote will be presented by Cory Jewell Jensen, a sex offender treatment specialist, who will introduce us to the knowledge she has gained through over 20 years of treating sex offenders. *"Child Safety: Advice from Child Molesters"* encourages adults to take responsibility for keeping children safe from molesters by using knowledge about how offenders groom children, adults, and communities.

The Friday Luncheon will include introducing the inaugural winner of the ICTF "Board Award" for Child Abuse Prevention. The members of the 2005 Idaho Children's Trust Fund Board created this annual award to recognize and to reward a particular Idaho child abuse prevention effort that is creative, innovative and impacts the community in a positive way by *preventing* the abuse and neglect of children. The winner of the *ICTF Board Award for Child Abuse Prevention* will receive a monetary award of \$5,000 to be used to continue their efforts to prevent child abuse and neglect in Idaho.

Workshops:

- *Circle of Security: Shifting the Patterns of Attachment*
- *Internet Crimes Against Children*
- *Meth and Drug Awareness*
- *Treatment and Recovery: Repair the Damage Done*
- *A Mother's Story: Recovering from Meth Addiction*
- *Nurse-Family Partnership: A Model Preventive Intervention for Young Families*
- *Access and Visitation Programs: Helping to Alleviate Child Abuse*
- *Teaching Men Nurturing Skills*
- *Selection, Engagement and Seduction of Children and Adults by Child Molesters: Understanding the Impact on Victims and Our Community*
- *Developing and Sustaining Child Abuse Prevention Programs in Tough Times*
- *Outcomes and Logic Models: Making them Simple, Understandable and Effective*
- *The 10 Most Important Things for Being a Great Dad*
- *Communication Strategies for Non-Profits*
- *Assessing High-Risk Parenting Practices*
- *Sustainability Planning: Developing a Concrete, Realistic Map to Solidify your Organization's Future*

There's still time to register for this conference! The \$75 registration fee includes lunch both days, 11.5 CEU's, displays, and books for purchase! Go to the ICTF website to download the registration form: <http://www.idahochildrenstrustfund.idaho.gov>.

ProtecTeens Internet Safety Program

Evidence advises that thousands of Idaho children receive unwanted sexual material or solicitations over the Internet every year. However, a tool has been developed to help educate parents about the possible hazards of sexual predators on the Internet.

ProtecTeens is a video presentation and resource kit created to educate parents about the potential danger to their children from sexual predators on the Internet. The goal is that ProtecTeens will help parents understand the magnitude of the dangers and take an active role in protecting their children from Internet predators.

Idaho Attorney General Lawrence Wasden and Idaho Secretary of State Ben Ysursa teamed up to offer ProtecTeens to Idaho citizens at no charge. Other partners include Idaho First Lady Patricia Kempthorne; the Idaho Prosecuting Attorneys Association; the Idaho Sheriffs Association; the Idaho Chiefs of Police Association; the Idaho Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force; the Idaho Medical Association; the State Department of Education; the Idaho School Boards Association; the Idaho Association of School Administrators; and the Idaho Parent Teacher Association.

The disks will be available to participants at the ICTF annual conference on April 6 & 7, or by contacting the Attorney General's Office at <http://www2.state.id.us/ag/protechteens/index.htm>



Care Enough to Call



A 10-minute educational DVD that spells out the facts on reporting child abuse will premier at the ICTF annual conference on April 7. Created by the Governor's Children at Risk Task Force and produced by the University of Idaho, *Care Enough to Call* will be available at no charge for interested organizations, agencies and individuals beginning in mid-April. Contact the ICTF at 208-386-9317 for more information.

April 6 – 7

7th Annual *Strengthening Families to Prevent Child Abuse and Neglect* Conference at the DoubleTree Riverside Hotel in Boise.
<http://www.idahochildrenstrustfund.idaho.gov>

April 20 – 22

13th Annual Idaho Prevention Conference in Sun Valley.
<http://www.nta-yes.com>

April 26 – 27

7th Annual Governor's Roundtable for Families and Children in Boise.
<http://www.gccfc.idaho.gov>

May 18 – 19

ICTF Spring Board meeting at the Alexander House in Boise



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The Idaho Children's Trust Fund relies on generous donations from Idahoans to support various child abuse prevention projects throughout the state. The majority of our fundraising dollars come to us from the voluntary donation line on the Idaho State Income Tax form—a simple and painless way to support child abuse prevention in Idaho. Won't you consider a contribution when you file your taxes this April 15? Idaho's children and families will thank you.